

## **MORE THAN CONQUERORS**

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### *Lesson 1 – A Conquering Attitude*

Today we begin a study in Romans that will take us across the next six weeks. This study is entitled “More Than Conquerors” because that’s the calling on our lives as people of faith. We’ll end in chapter 8, but first I want to lay the groundwork for us to understand how Paul guides us to the conclusion, so today we’re going to look at how to develop a conquering attitude.

*People of great achievement are usually people of special attitudes.* A study of those whose lives live on, whose actions have changed the course of human experience, will show that they achieved what they did because they believed deeply in what they were doing and thought uniquely about the lives they were living.

Paul the Apostle, the former Saul of Tarsus, was such a man. Without him the message of the risen Christ could conceivably have found its place among the little-known legends of the Middle East and been relegated to the position reserved for stories of fancy loved by poets and romantics, but largely ignored by men of action and purpose. But to a great extent because of Paul's life, this was not to be.

From one end of the Roman Empire to the other he traveled—preaching, teaching, founding churches, instructing leaders, nurturing the faltering, rebuking the disorderly, organizing, sustaining, challenging, and comforting those who believed.

Wherever he went, people believed, groups of remarkably dedicated disciples were formed, and with unbelievable speed and effectiveness the church of Christ was taken from the position of a troublesome sect of Judaism to a lively force of committed people throughout the known world.

*What were the motivations and attitudes that drove him? Where did he find his vision and revive his spirit?*

#### **1. PAUL'S REALISTIC APPRAISAL OF HIMSELF**

- a. He saw himself as a SERVANT
- b. He saw himself as an APOSTLE
- c. He saw himself as one CALLED
- d. He saw himself as one SEPARATED

#### **2. PAUL'S WARM-HEARTED INTEREST IN PEOPLE**

#### **3. PAUL'S ENTHUSIASTIC COMMITMENT TO HIS WORK**